



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

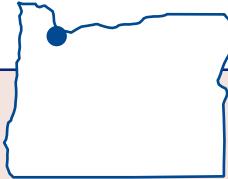
Portland Development Commission, OR

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Portland Development Commission (PDC) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The PDC plans to develop the 409-acre North Macadam Urban Renewal Area at the south end of the City of Portland (population 545,140). It is the last major undeveloped area in the Portland's Central City core. A significant portion of the area is comprised of vacant and underutilized land with an industrial heritage, limited transportation access, and a lack of infrastructure to support redevelopment. The industries that formerly operated in the area were dependent upon the adjacent Willamette River for transportation. In order to successfully develop the Renewal Area, infrastructure for rail, streetcars, and buses must be constructed.



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Portland Development Commission for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to develop remedial action plans, complete remediation activities, and support community involvement initiatives at the Public Storage site at 3508 SW Moody Avenue in the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area. Soils and groundwater are contaminated with volatile organic compounds, petroleum hydrocarbons, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals. Structures on the site also contain asbestos and lead-based paint. Over the years, the site had been used for foundries, gas stations, metal manufacturing, recycling operations, and roofing materials manufacturing.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

The area currently has under 1,000 residents, of whom nearly 29 percent are senior citizens, 15 percent are disabled, and 19 percent are classified as low-income. Over the last three-plus years, Oregon has struggled

with one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Assessment, cleanup, and development of the Renewal Area will benefit both the City of Portland and the State of Oregon. The city plans for the area include a neighborhood with 10,000 jobs, a minimum of 3,000 housing units, a 1.2 mile greenway along the Willamette River, parks and open space, and a multi-modal transportation system.